



*Dear Sisters,*

On the last Saturday of August, the month of Paradise – as the Founder loved to call it, on August 26, at 1:15 PM in the Clinic of Los Colores in Santiago de Cali (Colombia), the Divine Master called to eternity our sister

**SR. M. DANIELA – IRENE ARISMENDI**  
**born on June 16, 1944, in Socha, Boyaca – Colombia.**

She entered the Congregation in Bogotá (Colombia) on January 9, 1960, at the young age of 15, and received the religious habit a few months later for entrance into postulancy, as was the custom of the time. On September 5, 1961, she was sent to Rome to join the group of young women in formation for the Sister Disciples of the Divine Master. Upon completion of the year of novitiate, she made the religious profession in Rome on March 25, 1963, and the perpetual profession on March 23, 1968. Her formator described her as “quick of character, fine intelligence, and a valid animator”. She was considered an “excellent element” for whom they held high expectations.

Undertaking various duties, she spent her first years of consecrated life at the community of the Society of St. Paul in Rome and at our General House. Following perpetual profession, she returned to her own country to qualify the formation through study and dedication to vocational animation and formation of the young aspirants and postulants. But it was especially for her service of governance that the sisters of the Province of Colombia/Ecuador appreciated and loved her. Sr. M. Esperanza Jaime, the Provincial Superior, wrote this about her: “We give thanks to God for her entire life given to the Lord in service to the Province of Colombia/Ecuador in the various ministries of authority during her journey of discipleship.

She was appointed superior of the community of Medellín on May 17, 1982. On July 3 of the same year, she was named a regional councilor and, on April 15, 1988, Regional Superior. On October 29, 1997, she was superior in the community of Quito (Ecuador). In various terms, she served as regional treasurer. From September 11, 2007, until 2011 she was the Provincial Vicar and Councilor. Then, from 2012 until 2015, she was the Provincial Superior. Lately she was in the Alberione Community of Cali as Local Superior. Here cancer of the stomach, the spleen and the intestine, with post-surgical complications, ended her earthly existence.

All of these years spent in the service of authority speak to us of the profound sense of belonging of Sr. M. Daniela, of her co-responsibility and willingness to work for the good of the Province, for the development of the mission, and the vocational growth of the sisters, including the youngest.

She lived the charism of Father James Alberione creatively. She distinguished herself for her great love of the Founder and of Mother Scholastica. She fostered a great sense of belonging to the Pauline Family; promoting unity and infusing in all, especially the new generations, the importance of nourishing ourselves at the font of the Charism, drawing assiduously from the writings of the Founder and applying them to the present time. In this she benefited greatly from her participation in the Course on the Charism of the Pauline Family in Rome from 2002-2003. For many years she was active in the pastoral work for vocations: to her, who suffered for the lack of new vocations, let us ask her intercession for the gift of vocations to the Province and for the entire Congregation.

Let us give thanks to the Divine Master for the life and vocation of Sr. M. Daniela, consumed in diligent service and joyful correspondence to her vocation. She was a bulwark, a pillar for our Province: she placed at the service of the Kingdom all of her human talents and her intelligence for the progress of the mission. May the Divine Master receive her into his Kingdom: after she listened to his call and persevered joyfully in following him, she now has come to the final meeting with Him, to rejoice forever in his presence”.

*Sr. M. Micaela Monetti*

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